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Dear All,

I hope everyone had a great week of N.A.I.D.O.C. celebrations.

As a part of NAIDOC celebrations SGV *would like to acknowledge and to congratulate the winners of this years NAIDOC awards:*

- *Miss NAIDOC 2009 – Jasmin Wright*
- *Mr NAIDOC 2009 – Gordon Bamblett*
- *The Bell of the Ball 2009 – Alkie Smirl*
- *The Beau of the Ball 2009- Troy Lovett*
- *Patron – Alex Jackamos*
- *Patron – Aunty Anne Jones*

The Unsung Heroes of NAIDOC 2009:

- *Aunty Rieo Ellis.*
- *Uncle Lance James.*

This years NAIDOC Ball had taken place at the Monee Valley Race Course in Moonee Ponds, with a large group of Victorian Aboriginal participants.

This year their had been other transportation arrangements, with four buses being hire for drop off services to the North, East, South & Western regions of Melbourne.

A special announcement was also made from the NAIDOC committee that next years National NAIDOC Ball will be hosted by Victoria and the venue will be at Crown Casino. See please ask your local co-operative start planning a community trip down to Melbourne to support this National Event.

Other Events for July 2009:

- 5th July 2009- Koori Night Market at Northcote Town Hall, from 6pm until 10pm.
- 6th July 2009 – Stolen Generations Open day, had proved to be big day, with special guests, Mr & Miss NAIDOC and also the patrons of NAIDOC also attending Open Day at SGV.
- 10th July -NAIDOC March: (Started at 10am.)
From the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service 186 Nicholson St, Fitzroy down to Federation Square, corner of Swanston & Flinders Street, Melbourne.
- 11th July 2009 –NAIDOC Ball (Started at 7pm until 12pm.)
- 12th July 2009 – Ballarat Orphanage Reunion. (started at 11am until 3.30pm)
This reunion had been planned by the Ballarat Community & Family Services, Sharon Guy. The reunion had been for people who had been in the care of the Ballarat Orphanage from the years 1955 to 1970.

Their had been an earlier reunion held in February 2009, for the years 1920 to 1955. The next reunion is being scheduled for November 2009, for the years 1970 onwards. Please contact Sharon Guy to confirm dates & availability to attend for catering purposes. The Forgotten Australians Organization would like to link in with SGV Support groups, as there was a request to support one another. Possibility to link both support groups together, as many support network offer as possible.

- 14th July 2009.
SGV presented at the History Teachers Association Victoria at the Hemisphere, located in Moorabin, this had been a great opportunity to promote SGV's Teacher Resources Kit: The Second Step.
- 16th & 17th July 24, 2009
National Healing Foundation Workshop at Rydges, 186 Exhibition St, Melbourne
This had been a very productive workshop, with defining meaning and purpose

Support Group Meeting Items:

- The Support Group for 14th July 2009 had invited all Support Group participants to attend the National Healing Workshop for member's feedback.
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- SGV had hired a 12 Seater bus, for pick ups & drop off's to the National Healing Found meeting which commenced for two days. Morning Tea, Lunch & afternoon tea had been provided.

The Next Support Group meeting:

- It has been suggested to have an evening dinner function for Aunty Maria Starcevic, due to her health, SGV would to acknowledge all the dedicated, hard work Aunty Maria has accomplished as a SGV member and Victorian Indigenous Community member.
- And Stolen Generations Victoria would like to pay our respects by hosting a private dinner function in the nearby suburb of South Melbourne, for easier access for Aunty Maria.
- If you have any other ideas for support group activities or outings please contact Jade Johnson, Community Development Officer.
- The date needs to be confirmed for 11th August 2009?
- As well as the time & transportation requirements.

Please contact Community Development Officer, Jade Johnson for further details on (03) 9470 3477.

Other Events for August 2009;

1. 10th August, PROV Training & Records Keeping.
2. 11th August, Support Group Dinner for Aunty Maria Starcevic,
3. 28th August, Who Am I? Project Meeting at VACCA, to be confirmed.

Thank You

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